

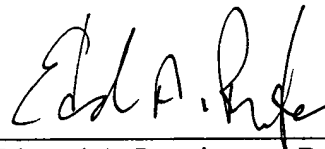
Remarks:

Claims 1-7 are pending in this application. Applicants have amended the claims to conform to preferred U.S. patent practice by deleting reference characters in the claims and deleting the multiple dependency of claim 4.

Early examination is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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